



October 13, 2009

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

In Alabama, the rapid rise of the wireless market is a great success story. Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. It is imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

I have concerns about your upcoming announcement on network neutrality. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce the investment in my state and cut into job growth – two issues that affect Walker County deeply. Bringing broadband to all areas of the nation requires investment in networks, well-paying local jobs and the technology needed for our cities and towns to grow new businesses that depend on communications.

We agree that a fair and open Internet is important, but your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off the Internet to many residents in Alabama and further cost us jobs and investment. Don't close the door to opportunity and jobs for people in my state with unnecessary new regulations.

Sincerely,

David Knight
Executive Director